



Homeless Coalition of Greater Battle Creek & Calhoun County

Tuesday March 20, 2018 12pm – 1:30pm

Location: United Way Lower Level Meeting Room

1. Welcome and Introductions – Lee Talmage

- Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List to be open – chosen by lottery
 - Encourage folks to take advantage of it!
 - New activities at community building at Parkway Manor Apts; new pantry; monthly diaper drive; reading programs and MiWorks! satellite office
 - May 4th Annual Conference, Friday
 - Smart 9-1-1.org; register to get info up right away
 - Announcement of new county data site – MiCalhoun.org
 - Announcement of TCC forums

2. Housing Solutions Board Update to General Membership

- Nicole DuPont
- Robert Elchert on search committee for ED of Share Center
 - Lived experience is a requirement
 - Share Center is a very important org and assists with a vital and critical role in our community

3. Updates on collaborative work:

- **HARA Update, Veteran by Name List** – Victoria Huntington
 - **Hara:** Out of prevention assistance for folks, have been since December
 - **Vets by Name** meets tomorrow at Silver Starr
 - **HMIS User Group** : New Data Quality Plan being implemented with MCAH
 - **CoC Homeless Report; 2015-2017 Summary**
 - Includes info that stood out as talking points for our community
 - Deadline on April 2nd, send questions or concerns
 - Is up on the website
 - Some info may not be available from 2015 due to lack of data collection
 - **CoC Coverage Report** – all of our project partners must participate; it is a mandatory exercise is normal business hours on Wed and then due Monday the 26th; submitted at the end of the month
 - **PIT Count Update** – reviewing housing inventory count; verifying beds and utilization
 - 160 we are able to count
- **Rental Housing Roundtable** – Alisa Parker

- April 26 is next discussion
- Added 2 new members; Matt Dunlap and April Webster at The River
- Rep from BC Area Realtors
- Exploring joint Landlord Discussion and Housing Resource Hour
- Connecting with Albion Area Landlords; ie Housing Resource Hour
- Two summer interns will help build landlord and live vacancy list

- **ID Task Force** – Robert Elchert
 - Michigan Homeless Advocacy Day
 - State ID is a talking point
 - Trying to make it so that it is a part of policy; not a pilot program; don't make an exception just an acception
 - Sen O'Brien to add Vets to Free ID for Me program; for homeless individuals and vets to push with govt.
 - Encouraging legislators to have local County clerks to have State held vital records at the local price; loss of revenue at the State but benefits are more
 - Rep. John Hoadley: assistant joined ID task force
 - Good idea to advocate at 2 county commissioners meetings – Nicole to send to HC
 - State ID vs. County ID process

- **Homeless Health Fair** – Elaine Hunsicker
 - Great progress; Full Blast; expansion on vendors; continental breakfast , hot meals and groceries available; need volunteers for the Wed before the event from 10am-12pm; October 17; bring things to donate from your agencies; more promotion in Albion area will be working with churches and housing; blanket drive to start in August; 4 grants already applied for; free flu and Hep A shots; would like more food; look for sponsors for Fair

- **Coordinated Entry System** – Nicole DuPont
 - More info on the website

4. **New business, comments, and organization update**

- **Transportation** – adding and excluding routes; due to ridership; positive changes
 - BC Vision study
 - County plan – grant funded

5. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2018**